<u>PATENT</u>

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lightfoot et al.

Group Art Unit: 1638

Serial No.: 09/954,773

Examiner: Kruse, David

Filed: September 18, 2001

Docket No.: 1268/2/2

Confirmation No.: 8934

For:

SOYBEAN SUDDEN DEATH SYNDROME RESISTANT SOYBEANS, SOYBEAN CYST NEMATODE RESISTANT SOYBEANS AND METHODS OF

BREEDING AND IDENTIFYING RESISTANT PLANTS

## <u>AMENDMENT B</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to an Official Action dated December 15, 2004, having a 3-month term for Response that expired on March 15, 2005. A Notice of Appeal and a Petition for a three (3)-month extension of time was timely filed on June 7, 2005. The period for filing an appeal brief expired on August 7, 2005. A petition for a four (4)-month extension of time for filing the appeal brief is hereby made, extending the period up to an including December 7, 2005. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0426 in the amount of \$795.00 for a four-month extension of time.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the RCE filed herewith and the following Amendments and Remarks.

## **AMENDMENT**

Please amend the subject application as follows: